GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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SUPPLY OF WATER TO DELHI FROM RIVER YAMUNA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of water demanded from the Union Government/Upper Yamuna River Board (UYRB) by the Government of Delhi from river Yamuna during the last three years;

(b) the quantity of water made available by the Union Government/UYRB to Delhi from River Yamuna during the said period;

(c) whether the said quantity is commensurate to the demand;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there has been major increase in the demand of water; and

(f) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) Sharing of the waters of upper Yammuna i.e. Yamuna from its origin and upto Okhla barrage near Delhi, is governed by an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed amongst the basin States on 12th May, 1994, wherein Delhi has been allocated an annual share of 724 Million Cubic Metres (MCM). The supply to Delhi is further governed by an order dated 29th February, 1996 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Therefore, Delhi does not make a quantitative demand in the form of an indent, and the supply to Delhi from Yamuna system is governed in accordance with the aforesaid MoU and Hon'ble Supreme Court Orders.

(b) The combined capacity of the Water treatment Plants that are run from Yamuna waters is 310 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) which is equivalent to 514 Million Cubic Metres (MCM) per year. Barring occasional fluctuations or breakdowns in the system, the supply to Delhi is maintained as ordered by Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(c) & (d) As the Government of Delhi do not make quantitative demand for Yamuna waters, the question doest not arise.

(e) There has not been any major increase in demand of water from river Yamuna.

(f) Does not arise.